

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
HIROYUKI YAGUCHI)	Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Application No.: 10/784,809)	Group Art Unit: 2622
Filed: February 24, 2004)	
For: IMAGE INPUT/OUTPUT)	December 27, 2006
CONTROL METHOD AND)	
IMAGE INPUT/OUTPUT)	
APPARATUS)	

Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed . document is enclosed, along with an English abstract.

This document may be pertinent because it was cited in a Office Action issued in a counterpart Japanese patent application on October 20, 2006. A copy of the Office Action is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

REMARKS

The cited reference discloses an image forming apparatus, which determines whether or not it is a monochrome copy (it is guessed a black and white copy), and does not perform compression because it is thought that there is a lot of volume of data in a case where it is not the monochrome copy (it is guessed not the black and white copy but a color copy).

Therefore, in this cited reference, both "a compressed image storage step of compressing an input image with variable length compression to store the compressed input image in a memory in the case of not a black and white copy mode", and "an uncompressed image storage step of storing an input image in the memory without compressing the input image in the case of the black and white copy mode" are not disclosed.

FORMAL MATTERS

No fee is due in connection with this paper since it is being submitted before issuance of an Office Action.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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